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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

I. Introductory Comments

This is a response to the Office Action, Paper No. 9, dated June 25, 2003.

Claims 1, 3-22 and 25-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9 and 22 are independent claims. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 9, and 16 - 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,428 issued to Bosch (hereinafter "*Bosch*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,985 issued to Krehel (hereinafter "*Krehel*"). The Examiner further rejected claims 3 - 5 and 10 - 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bosch* in view of *Krehel* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,825 to Ponte hereinafter "*Ponte*"). The Examiner further rejected claims 6 - 8 and 13 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bosch* in view of *Krehel* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,053 issued to French (hereinafter "*French*"). Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 25 - 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bosch* in view of *Krehel* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,029,171 issued to Smiga (hereinafter "*Smiga*").